

(a) whether the Pakistani Marine Security Force squad intruded into the Indian territorial waters of Jakhau port in Kutch district on the Republic Day eve;

(b) if so, the details of the incident; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to prevent the recurrence of such incidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) and (b). Two incidents of alleged harassment of Indian fishermen by the Pakistani Maritime Security Agency were reported to the Commanding officer Coast Guard Station. Okha, on the 27th January 1992. the reports claimed that 5 Indian fishing boats were looted and relieved of their fish catch, fishing gear and fuel, amounting to approximately Rs. 6 lakhs. The exact locations of the reported incidents could not be established by the fishermen.

(c) The Coast Guard ships and aircraft carry out regular patrolling/surveillance in the Indian EEZ and maintain a constant vigil on the Indian side of the national Intentional Boundary Line (IBL).

Closure of some Departments Under Ministry of Commerce

863. SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have decided to close down some departments under the control of his Ministry; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b). No, Sir.

Introduction of New D.T.C. Service

864. SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE:

DR. Y.S. RAJASEKHAR REDDY:

SHRI SURENDRA PAL PATHAK:

SHRISURYA NARAIN YADAV:

SHRI MUMTAZ ANSARI:

SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA:

SHRI P.M. SAYEED:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of routes of 'Greenline' and Limited Stop' buses plying under D.T.C. operation as on date;

(b) the details of new routes on which these buses are likely to be started;

(c) whether a large number of ordinary buses have been replaced by these buses recently as a result of which people are forced to pay more per journey;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and how the old withdrawn buses are being utilised; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to increase the number of ordinary buses specially during peak hours?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) As on date D.T.C. Operates 68 Greenline routes and 2432 Limited Stop Trips.

(b) The routes on which these buses will be started in future will be based on the assessment made on the basis of commuters' demands and availability of buses.

(c) and (d). During the last six months